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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

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1. IN ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER HAFERKAMP FROM BRUSSELS, CHARGE
CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS HIJZEN TO
DELIVER MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND TO LET HIM KNOW THAT
WE WOULD ALSO BE APPROACHING MEMBER STATES. WE LEFT TALKING
POINTS PAPER CONTAINING TEXT OF PARAS 3 THROUGH 6 OF REFTEL.
HIJZEN UNDERTOOK TO INFORM HAFERKAMP OF US DEMARCHE IMMEDIATELY
UPON HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS.

2. BOTH HIJZEN AND TEXTILE DIRECTOR MEYNELL, WHO SAT IN ON THE
MEETING, EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF US ARGUMENTATION IN FAVOR
OF EARLY RENEWAL OF THE MULTI FIBER AGREEMENT, AND SAID
COMMISSION AGREED WITH US ANALYSIS SET FORTH PARAS 3-5 REFTEL.
THEY NOTED CONTINUING MEMBER STATE PRESSURE FOR
ALLEVIATION OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TEXTILE IMPORTS.

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HIJZEN SAID THAT THE COMMISSION'S GENERAL AIM IS TO GET
AWAY FROM A MANDATE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF
THE MFA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND THEC SHOULD
USE THEIR "COMMON IMAGINATION" TO FIND FORMULAS WHICH
WOULD SATISFY MEMBER STATE CONCERNS WITHOUT CAUSING A
DC-LDC CONFRONTATION OVER TEXTILES. IN THAT REGARD,
HE FOUND OBSERVATIONS IN PARA 6 REFTEL OF PARTICULAR

INTEREST. ONE APPROACH MIGHT BE TO HAVE THE EC MAKE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF ITS INTERPRETATION OF THE MFA, AND US COULD THEN ENDORSE AT LEAST THOSE PARTS OF STATEMENT WITH WHICH IT AGREED.

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO AGREE TO ANY ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY POSITIONS UNTIL WE HAD A MUCH BETTER IDEA OF PRECISELY WHAT THE EC WAS AFTER. HIJZEN AGREED, SAID HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR EXPLICIT US SUPPORT AT THIS TIME AND THOUGHT THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTIONS AFTER THE MARCH 8 COUNCIL MEETING. (HE HEDGED THIS SLIGHTLY BY REMARKING THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 8 COUNCIL IS GETTING VERY HEAVY BUT HOPED THAT GROWING AWARENESS OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF RESOLVING TEXTILE PROBLEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WOULD IMPEL MINISTERS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEM AT THAT COUNCIL).MORRIS

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